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The Senior Interdepartmental Group (SIG) has met infrequently since its inception early in 1966, and has furnished no direct guidance to the Central Intelligence Agency on the contents of the Agency's weekly in support of the group.

OCI produced its first weekly for the SIG on 21 March 1966. A planning group, chaired by the D/OCI or DD/OCI and attended by the D/OER and area chiefs of OCI, meets each Wednesday to formulate an agenda for the SIG weekly, which is disseminated each Monday to SIG principals and other top-level officials with a need to know. The publication each week covers from two to six situations judged to be of interest to policy planners.

In mid-September 1967, Mr. Arthur A. Hartman, operating out of Under Secretary Katzenbach's office, assumed the duties of Executive Secretary for the Senior Interdepartmental Group. He immediately visited the bureau chiefs and SIG principals and conversed with the D/OCI regarding SIG problems. He planned subsequently to draw up a dummy agenda and timetable for further discussion.

On a preliminary basis, Mr. Hartman suggested that the SIG weekly should cover counterinsurgency (as always); economic matters, such as arms purchases that would cut the US out of traditional markets; IRG problems over which there is contention; and special studies coming before the SIG.

Since Mr. Hartman's appointment, OCI has been receiving the minutes of the SIG meetings. Continuing contacts with him should result in a CIA weekly more responsive to the needs of the SIG.

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